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## Headteacher Mrs J Forshew

## Learning Together to be the best we can.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Becoming a fluent, skilled and attentive reader starts at the earliest stages of a child's learning journey. Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives, but starting this process as early as possible has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. This is why, as parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader, who is confidently able to apply their reading skills across all areas of their lives.

The teaching of reading and reading comprehension within the classroom is only part of a child's learning, and the value that is given to reading at home is equally important. Parents who engage their children in books prepare them to become committed and enthusiastic readers: they can transform their attitudes to reading. If children learn to focus and share the enjoyment of the story; they learn how stories start and finish, and how a plot unravels and is resolved; they learn that books can transport them elsewhere.

From January 2023, we will begin a brand-new reading initiative to encourage the children to read more regularly at home. Each time a child reads at home, and gets their home reading diary signed they will receive a raffle ticket to go in the class raffle box. At the end of each half term, the raffle will be drawn and a golden token will be awarded to the winner. The winner can then spend their token in our 'Nathaniel Newton Book Vending Machine'. The more the children read, the more raffle tickets they will get, therefore the more chance they have of winning the half termly class prize.

Should you require any further information regarding supporting your child with reading at home, there is a guidance leaflet at the school office that you can request. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support with reading,

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Carly Evans English Subject Leader









